

# Elopers Celebrate 50th Anniversary

A couple who eloped to Arkansas in 1921 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently in Garden City.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Bowers, who were honored at a dinner in the 100F Hall, Merriman Rd., by their four children and families.

They were married Feb. 24, 1921, in Wyville, Ark., and when the bride's father was told of the elopement, he commented that he had five more daughters at home if Bowers wanted to steal more.

THEY BEGAN married life on a farm and raised four children as depicted in a folk song written by their son, Mark, for the anniversary.

After a married son and daughter moved to Detroit, they too came, 24 years ago. They have since lived in four locations in Garden City. Presently they live on Gilman Street.

Mrs. Bowers (Mary Lou) is a member of Rebekah Lodge No. 522 and worked for Colonial Department Store. Bowers is a World War I veteran.

Both are members of First United Methodist Church.

Attending the party were their children, Buddy and R. H. Bowers from Cincinnati, and a daughter, Charlene Caudle, and son, Mark, both of Garden City.

FOURTEEN OF their 15 grandchildren were there, and seven great grandchildren were present.

Mrs. Winnie Kilgore, Mrs. Bowers' sister, also attended. Her remaining four sisters, unable to attend, sent a tape recording for the occasion.

Among their gifts was an unusual china replica of a high-button shoe such as the bride wore, plus a shoe button hook she used as a girl. Both were gifts of Mrs. Kilgore.



MR. AND MRS. ROSCOE BOWERS

## New Nursery School Opens

Applications for enrollment in the newly-formed Good Hope Nursery School are now being taken for the fall semester. Classes will be held in Good Hope Lutheran Church, Cherry Hill Rd.,

between Inkster and Middle Belt, Garden City.

Membership is open to all area residents. To enroll call the church or Mrs. Frank Pellegrino, 420 Central, Inkster, who will serve as director.

The school is planning a September opening, with morning classes twice a week for pre-schoolers, from 3 1/2 to five.

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## She's New Bride

# Center Honors Resident

The Westland Convalescent Center "host" one of its charter members this week.

To mark the event, nurses, staff members, and fellow residents held a going-away reception for her last week.

The party was in honor of Mrs. Viola Cocking, who became Mrs. Elmer Adams in a wedding ceremony held Tuesday, April 6, in Holy Redeemer Church in Detroit.

Mrs. Cocking, 64, moved into the convalescent center near the Westland Shopping Center shortly after it opened its doors in the fall of 1969. That was just a few months after the death of her husband of 45 years.

Recently a frequent caller at the home has been Adams, 70, who had a stroke. Mrs. Cocking for many years. He was widowed two years ago.

The newlyweds will live in Adams' home in Detroit. The new bride is mother of two, grandmother to 10 and great-grandmother to two.



WESTLAND CONVALESCENT CENTER residents gave a big sendoff to Mrs. Viola Cocking last week before she became the bride of Elmer Adams. (Observer photo by Leonard Poger)

# Diabetics To Have Classes

A series of five classes for diabetics and their families will begin Monday, April 19, at the Shapiro School of Nursing of Sinai Hospital, 5767 West Outer Drive, Detroit. The class will begin at 7 p.m.

Free and open to the public, the classes are sponsored by the Michigan Diabetes Association, a Torch Drive service, and Sinai Hospital. However it is necessary to obtain a referral from a physician in order to attend.

To register, write to the Michigan Diabetes Association, 5311 West Outer Drive, Detroit, 48225.

The first class will be conducted by Dr. Janette Sherman; the second and third by Betty Brosius, nutrition consultant on diet and food exchanges; and the fourth and fifth by Sandra Sherman, RN, on testing and personal hygiene.

# Action Committee Aids Rehabilitation

A 17-member group with addresses that run from downtown Detroit to Bloomfield Hills have formed the SHAR Action Committee to prevent the closing of Self Help Addiction Rehabilitation center located at 8230 E. Jefferson, Detroit.

Their purpose is to raise funds with an immediate goal of \$5,000 to pay the rent and utility bills for a four-month period.

Chairman is Nat Starr, an Oak Park businessman. On his charter committee are Southfielders Mr. and Mrs. Brent Cassidy of 16230 Addison and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Petroff of 28586 Sutherland, from Farmington, Dr. Frank Ludwig of 26428 Old Homestead and Barbara Carraway of 33218 Tall Oaks Court.

KICK-OFF of the fund-raising agenda, which lists five events to be held periodically through June 1972, is "Cabaret Night" scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

The affair will be held at the Detroit Federation of

# New AAUW Elects Officers

Mrs. Douglas L. Keys, president-elect of the state American Association of University Women, will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Livonia AAUW Tuesday, April 20, at 8 p.m. Officers will be elected.

The meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Robert Fellows, 33132 Summers, Livonia.

J. P. McCarthy, local disc jockey, will act as master of ceremonies, and the ticket price includes a light buffet and beverages.

THE EVENT will be followed by a fall fashion show; a millionaires party; a jazz festival and a benefit theatre party.

Meanwhile, sub-committees are investigating various funding programs, such as the Omnibus Crime Bill and the Safe Streets Act.

SHAR acquired the present facility as the result of a one-year seed grant of \$24,000 from the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit to accommodate 60 persons. As funds dropped off, so did the number of persons SHAR could accommodate, and the residency now is down to 20.

# Wishes Come True For Mrs. Glanville

Mrs. Florence Glanville of Redford Township saw three of her often-expressed wishes come true recently when she received a pink Cadillac (a model), a mink coat (Barbie doll size) and a barrel of money (a Thermos jug of gifts from well-wishers).

Mrs. Glanville and her husband, John, were honored by her fellow Red Cross volunteers at a farewell luncheon in the Social Hall of St. Paul Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. James Wilson, blood program and donor recruitment chairman, was in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Glanville, Redford residents since 1941, are moving to Alpena, where their son and daughter now reside.

Mrs. Glanville has donated more than 2,500 hours to the Red Cross since 1942. In 1967 she was awarded a

pin denoting 25 years of volunteer service, and in 1968 she received a pin showing that she herself had donated five gallons of blood.

Mrs. G. Sam Zilly, volunteer chairman of all blood donor program volunteers for the Detroit Chapter, thanked Mrs. Glanville for her work, and the Rev. William Whitehead thanked her for her devotion to the church as well.

Win Hudson composed a poem dedicated to Mrs. Glanville, which he read to the group. Mrs. Hudson presented her with a hand-painted congratulatory card depicting all the activities of the Red Cross and signed by all the volunteers present. Hudson will have the card framed.

Some 70 past and present volunteers, and members of the office of the Detroit Chapter were at the party.

# Children Host Surprise Party

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Longwell of Perrin Drive, Livonia, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a mass and surprise party hosted by their children and family.

Their children are Mrs. Janice Albison, Gary, who is

stationed at Fort Lee, Va., Elaine, a student at Ladywood High, and Laurie, who attends St. Damian School. The Longwells have one grandson. The couple will also celebrate their anniversary with a two-week stay in Hawaii.

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